oil is explored form the identified oil reserves as against an average of forty percent by other oil producing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to formulate an oil policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir. The country exploited about 4.3% of its balance of recoverable oil reserves during 1990-91 as against the world average of 2.3%.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Oil gas production is carried out at optimum levels, based on techno-economic parameters.

[*Translation*]

Complaints Regarding Issuance of Arms Licences in Uttar Pradesh

4810. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complainants regarding discrimination in issuance of arms incenses in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The State/U.T. Governments have been delegated the powers to isse arms licences in respect of non-prohibited bore weapons only. It has been left to their discretion to formulate guidelines for grant/renewal of such licenes keeping in view the prevailing laws and order situation and other relevant factors. No special complaint alleging discrimination on issuance of arms licences in UP has been received so far.

[*English*]

Utilisation of funds for development of SCs/STs

4811. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise allocation to each State and the amount spent by them for the development/welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1991-92; and

(b) the number of faminlies benefited under Poverty Alleviation Programme during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) the scheme-wise allocation can be given after the close of the Finacial year.

(b) the information will be complied for 1991-92 after the close of the financial year.

Freedom Fighters' Pensions

4812. DR. Y.S RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any représentations from freedom fighters for extension of last date for filing the applications for freedom fighters for pension;